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Document D1 in the SG report, US 2003/0021298 was cited as document AA in the IDS of December 1, 2005. Document D2 in the SG report, US 5854873 was cited as document AA in the IDS at filing. Thus, neither of these documents in duplicatively provided. However, although JP 11-110915 was cited as document BB in the IDS as filed, it appears that a machine translation was provided with the SG search report. Thus, it is submitted for its machine translation.

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